

Further, *Vogel* describes the heating element as being provided to heat the sorbent material and thereby desorb the chemicals. See *Vogel* column 1, lines 31-33. Thus, *Vogel* does not disclose or suggest the claimed methods.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 26, 45 and 49 are allowable. Claims 27-31, 40 and 42-44 depend from claim 26, claims 46 and 48 depend from claim 45 and claim 52 depends from claim 49, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 26, 45, and 49, respectively. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below if any issues remain in this matter, or if a discussion regarding any portion of the application is desired by the Examiner.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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